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I am writing in regards to the Microsoft anti-trust settlement. It is ineffective at best. The process of litigation did more to deter there monopolistic practices than this settlement will. Stronger measures need to be put in place to ensure a competitive environment. The fact that they are a repeat offender should also be taken into account. They will see the current settlement as just the price of doing business, and they will continue in their monopolistic ways. Since it will be harder to sue them after this settlement goes into effect, they will probably become even more predatory. A more effective settlement will increase competition, resulting in lower prices and better software, which is to the benefit of everyone.

Thank You

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